

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 264 - SB 1090

March 1, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a child's parent or guardian to file a statement of religious objection to immunization during, or under the immediate threat of, an epidemic. Establishes that if a child's parent or guardian files a statement of religious objection to immunization, under any circumstances, no form of proof of the person's religious conviction beyond the signed, written statement is required. Prohibits a governmental entity from mandating that a person receive an immunization, unless the governmental entity provides an exemption to a person who files with the governmental entity a signed, written statement of religious objection, affirmed under penalty of perjury.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), religious exemption to vaccination currently exists without proof of a person's religious conviction; therefore, the proposed legislation would not have a significant impact on the procedures of the DOH.
- Local education agencies collaborate with the DOH in enforcing vaccine requirements for children before enrolling in schools, preschools, and child-care centers.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Education (DOE), the proposed legislation would not have a significant impact on the policies or procedures of the DOE.
- Any fiscal impact to state and local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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